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CONTEXT SWITCHING
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REPLY BRIEF (37 C.F.R. § 1.194(b))

This paper is in response to the Examiner's Answer mailed on April 21, 2004 in which previously appealed rejections were withdrawn and certain claims allowed. In summary:

Claims 29, 33 and 35 were *allowed*; and
Claims 34, 37 and 38 remain rejected.

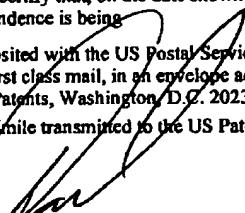
Applicant respectfully notes that withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of claims should have been properly accomplished by reopening of prosecution, whereupon Appellants could exercise the option to either reply or request reinstatement of the Appeal. Notwithstanding procedural aspects, and in the interest of efficient prosecution, Applicant includes herewith an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, which cancels the single remaining unallowed independent claim (claim 34), rewrites the "allowed" (i.e., allowable) dependent claim (claim 35) in independent form, and updates dependent claims (claims 37 and 38) to depend from the allowed (i.e., allowable) and rewritten claim (claim 35).

Upon entry of the amendments, all issues on appeal will be disposed of. Entry is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner fail to enter the attached amendment and thereafter

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allow all claims, jurisdiction will pass to the Honorable Board, whereupon Applicant respectfully requests that the Honorable Board direct the Examiner to do so.

In view of the arguments and authorities set forth in the previously-filed Appellant's Brief and consistent with the Examiner's Answer thereto, the application and claims therein are believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be amenable to resolution through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

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